

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 332

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Timothy Crawford on being named the 2009 Youth of the Year for the State of Tennessee by Boys and Girls Clubs of America.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable young citizen is Timothy Crawford, a twelve-year member of Boys and Girls Clubs of Middle Tennessee, who was recently named the 2009 Youth of the Year for the State of Tennessee by Boys and Girls Clubs of America (BGCA); along with this prestigious title, Mr. Crawford has received a one-thousand-dollar scholarship from the Reader's Digest Foundation and a five-thousand-dollar scholarship from the Tennessee Titans Foundation; and

WHEREAS, in June, Timothy Crawford will travel to Tampa, Florida, where he will compete for the Southeast Regional Youth of the Year Award, which includes a ten-thousand-dollar scholarship and the chance to compete for National Youth of the Year, which carries with it an additional fifteen-thousand-dollar scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Crawford joins the ranks of hundreds of BGCA Youth of the Year award winners across the United States, all of whom have demonstrated sound character, strong leadership skills, and a genuine willingness to give back to their communities; and

WHEREAS, award winners have made outstanding contributions to their respective families, schools, communities, and Boys and Girls Clubs; moreover, they have all made these noteworthy contributions while overcoming significant personal challenges; and

WHEREAS, the award was first created in 1947 by the Reader's Digest Foundation; for over sixty years now, the Foundation has been conferring this accolade on the most distinguished members of Boys and Girls Clubs; and

WHEREAS, a senior at Hume Fogg Academic Magnet School, Timothy Crawford has dedicated himself not only to academic excellence, but also to the expression of his creativity through the medium of music; at the same time, he has worked assiduously to fulfill the obligations of his home life; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the support he has received from Boys and Girls Club, Mr. Crawford has been most fortunate to enjoy a solid moral foundation in the form of his loving grandmother, Ernestjean Jones, who has provided a sound home for Mr. Crawford and his younger sister, Tiffany Crawford; and

WHEREAS, his latest Youth of the Year citation is hardly the only award Timothy Crawford has received recently for his accomplishments; he is also the 2009 Boys and Girls Club Middle Tennessee Youth of the Year and along with the other members of the Hume Fogg Silver Jazz Band, Mr. Crawford won the 2009 Outstanding Performance Award at the Jamie Abersold Jazz Clinic at the University of Louisville; and

WHEREAS, thanks to his hard work, both in the classroom and outside it, Mr. Crawford is looking forward to his first semester at Middle Tennessee State University, where he will matriculate in the fall of 2009; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Crawford truly epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the success of this State, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Mr. Crawford, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Timothy Crawford on being named the

2009 Youth of the Year for the State of Tennessee by Boys and Girls Clubs of America and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.